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CDHS Medicare Part D Emergency Drug Benefit January 2007 Update

1. The Emergency Drug Benefit (EDB) program expires on January 31, 2007.

The California Legislature enacted and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed Assembly Bill (AB) 813 that allowed the California Department of Health Services (CDHS) to continue covering the cost of medications for dual eligibles who were unable to obtain their medications from the Medicare Part D program for dates of service from May 17, 2006 through January 31, 2007. Claims with dates of service on or after 12:00 a.m. on February 1, 2007 will not be eligible for the EDB program.

For detailed instructions on the appropriate uses of the Emergency Drug Benefit and how to submit claims, view the CDHS Emergency Drug Benefit for the Dual Eligible *Updated Information* bulletin.

2. If an eligibility (E1) transaction does not show enrollment in a Medicare drug plan, and/or the pharmacy cannot get the information from Medicare, but the pharmacy has evidence of full dual eligibility, the pharmacy provider can bill the CMS Wellpoint/Anthem POS (Part D Facilitated Enrollment) system.

Instructions and a payer sheet for the Wellpoint/Anthem Point of Service (POS) system can be found on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Web site: Wellpoint/Anthem POS Facilitated Enrollment Instructions and Payer Sheet.

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3. Pharmacy Technical Assistance Contact Information for California Prescription Drug Plans eligible for Auto-Enrolled Dual Eligibles

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2007 Prescription Drug Plan	Contract #	Assistance Line	Operated by:
AARP MedicareRx Plan - Saver	S5921	1-800-797-9794	Prescription Solutions
Advantage Star Plan by RxAmerica	S5644	1-877-279-0372	
Blue Cross MedicareRx Value	S5596	1-866-630-3820	Anthem Prescriptions
Bravo Rx II	S5998	1-800-922-1557	Medco
CIGNATURE Rx Value Plan	S5617	1-800-558-9363	CIGNA
Health Net Orange Option 1	S5678	1-800-693-8951	Argus
HealthSpring Prescription Drug Plan	S5932	1-800-971-1581	HealthSpring
Humana PDP Standard	S5884	1-800-865-8715	Humana
Medicare Rx Rewards Value	S5960	1-866-841-8953	Wellpoint NextRx
Prescription Pathways Bronze	S5597	1-800-311-0557	Prescription Pathways
Sierra Rx/Sierra Rx Basic	S5917	1-800 443-8197	Sierra Rx
WellCare Classic/WellCare Signature	S5967	1-866-800-6111	

- 4. Pharmacy providers who encounter problems with a Medicare drug plan should contact CMS, Region IX, for assistance in problem resolution:
 - (415) 744-3617 Part D questions about Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug (MA-PD) plans
 - (415) 744-3628 Part D questions about Prescription Drug Plans (PDP)